





Who first lived in Britain?

Prehistory Timeline

Stone Age			Bronze Age	Iron Age	Romans
Paleolithic Period	Mesolithic Period	Neolithic Period	3000 BCE - 1300 BCE	1300 BCE - 400 BCE	400 BCE >
500,000 BCE - 8,000 BCE					

Prehistoric Settlements			
Early Stone Age	Late Stone Age	Bronze Age	Iron Age
			
Caves	Timber Houses	Roundhouses	Hill forts

Substantive Concepts	
civilisation	
farming	
settlement	
society	

Vocabulary	
civilisation	The process by which a society or place reaches an advanced stage of social and cultural development and organization.
country	A nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory.
migration	Movement of people to a new area or country in order to better living conditions.
settlement	A place, typically one which has previously been uninhabited, where people establish a community.
trade	The action of buying and selling goods and services.
tribe	A social division in a traditional society consisting of families linked by a common culture and dialect, typically having a leader.
society	People living together in a more or less ordered community.
prehistory	The period of time before written records.
archaeologist	A person who studies human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artefacts and other physical remains.

Stonehenge

Stonehenge is a famous **prehistoric** monument in the South of England. It was started 5000 years ago and built over 1000 years.

We are unsure of its original purpose today. **Archeologists** have discovered bodies which have been buried with treasures and they believe it could have been used for religious ceremonies, a place of healing, or ancient astronomy.



Farming

Prehistoric people were originally **hunter-gatherers**. This meant they had to find or catch everything they ate.

By the late Stone Age, farms were made by clearing wooded areas and building houses surrounded by farms. This is the start of **settlements** too. During the stone age, farmers used stone for tools. This includes the use of stone for **querns** to grind crops.



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